

## **STIFF SNORING IMPLANT**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5     A method and apparatus for treating snoring of a patient includes providing an  
implant for altering a dynamic response of a soft palate of the patient to airflow past the  
soft palate. The implant is embedded in the soft palate to alter the dynamic response.  
For example, the implant has a mass, stiffness or dampening sufficient to alter the  
dynamic response following the implantation without substantially impairing a function  
of the soft palate to close a nasal passage of the patient during swallowing.

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